The UPA administration will take all measures to reconcile the objectives of economic growth and environmental conservation, particularly as far as tribal communities dependent on forests are concerned.

Eviction of tribal communities and other forest-dwelling communities from forest areas will be discontinued. Cooperation of these communities will be sought for protecting forests and for undertaking social afforestation.

To fulfil these commitments the Government enacted the *Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act,* 2006. The rules framed under this Act have also been notified recently. The Act and the Rules are meant for recognition and vesting of forest rights in the forest-dwelling Scheduled Tribes and other traditional forest dwellers. The major rights that are granted under the Act include, the right to cultivate forest land to the extent under occupation, the right to own, collect, use and dispose of minor forest produce, rights inside forests like grazing etc. which are traditional and customary. The Act enjoins upon these beneficiaries the duties for protecting wild life, forest and their bio-diversity also.

The Ministry is also implementing a number of development programmes both in the Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Sector for the welfare and upliftment of Scheduled Tribes and for the development of the areas where Scheduled Tribes reside.

Incentives to voluntary organisations in Chhattisgarh

†1845. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of incentives given to voluntary organizations promoted in Chhattisgarh during the last three years;

(b) whether utilization certificate is demanded from them; and

(c) the status of receipt of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Nil.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Incentives and Commissions to Corporations

1846. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has no dearth of resources to shower incentives and concessions on national and multinational corporations worth lakhs of crores;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is showing apathy to poor children and women on the pretext of lack of financial resources, to universalize the scheme of ICDS; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) No such information is available with the Ministry.

(c) and (d) In pursuance of the commitment of the Government to universalize the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme as envisaged in the National Common Minimum Programme (NCMP) and in compliance of the Supreme Court's directions, the Scheme has been expanded twice in the last two years increasing the number of ICDS Projects/AWCs/Mini-AWCs to 6284, 10.53 lakh and 36829 respectively. The Ministry is also committed to expand the Scheme under 3rd phase of expansion, so as to sanction a minimum of 14 lakhs Anganwadi Centres across the country by December, 2008. The budgetary allocation for the scheme of ICDS has been increased from Rs. 5293.00 crore in 2007-08 to Rs. 6300.00 crore in 2008-09.

Scheme for street and working children

1847. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had made specific budgetary provisions for implementation of the scheme for street children and the scheme for welfare of working children in need of care and protection;

(b) whether with regard to the scheme for street children, the entire budgetary provision of Rs. 12.00 crore for 2006-07 remained unspent and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether against the budgetary provision of Rs.3.00 crore for the Scheme for Welfare of Working Children for 2006-07, the entire allocation has remained unspent and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. The budgetary provision and the actual expenditure incurred during the year 2006-07 under the schemes, 'An Integrated Programme for Street Children' and 'Scheme for Welfare of Working Children in Need of Care and Protection' are as under:

Name of the Scheme	BE (Rupees in crores)	Expenditure incurred (Rupees in crores)
An Integrated Programme for Street Children	11.00	10.16
Scheme for Welfare of Working Children in Need of Care and Protection	3.00	2.77

Advertisement on girl child

1848. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that one private insurance company is airing advertisement which indirectly conveys the message that birth of a girl child is a burden to the parents;